



## WHAT WOMEN ARE DOING IN NEW ZEALAND

Lady Stout, Wife of Sir Robert Stout, Chief Justice of New Zealand, Corrects the London Times.

In New Zealand there have been suffragettes for many years, although the New Zealand women did not know they were that, nor did anyone else find it out. In that progressive little country the women simply voted, as the men, and carried on their duties as citizens.

What this has meant for New Zealand and for New Zealanders is set forth in the following letter, written by Lady Stout, wife of the chief justice of the supreme court of New Zealand, for the London Times:

Since landing in England last April, I have heard many misleading statements as to the results of the women's franchise in New Zealand. As a native of New Zealand, and one who has been associated with political, social, educational, and philanthropic societies for thirty years, I think I can claim full knowledge of the subject. With your kind permission I should like to summarize and reply to several of these statements.

1.—That women would adopt masculine habits: No woman, except those of the most abandoned class, is ever seen entering a hotel bar in New Zealand.

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5.—That women do not take a broad view of the empire: They have been addressing meetings and signing petitions in favor of compulsory military training for men, and universal ambulance training for women. During the South African war they backed the armor of a larger proportion of men than any other State.

6.—That the women would be priest-ridden: Our education system is free, compulsory, and secular, and in spite of strenuous efforts on the part of certain churches, the women's vote has upheld the system, as they appreciate the benefits their children receive from the absence of sectarian strife.

7.—That the vote would cause discord in domestic life: Well, no one has, during fifteen years, found a case to move the statement. My private opinion is that people who never quarrel are not likely to quarrel over political questions, and that perhaps their hatreds, if not their fealties, might be improved by a difference of opinion.

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class of men who are effeminate in dress or intellect, or degenerate in morals, as in other countries. The comradeship which exists between these engenders mutual respect, and ensures a strong, industrious, and enterprising race, with high ideals of the duties of citizenship and loyalty to the Empire. I am confident that no one who is conversant with the social and economic conditions of the Dominion, but will hear me out in the assertion that "votes for women" has been an unqualified success in New Zealand. I am, etc., ANNA P. STOUT.

### AIRSHIP JEWELS FOR WOMEN'S USE

Aeroplane brooches and hatpins are the latest manifestations of the flying craze, says the New York Press. These pins were brought to the shops too late for the flights of Messrs. Wright and Curtiss from Governors Island, but are finding a ready sale. They are constructed on the model of the Wright aeroplane, and are made in both gold and silver. Another strange hatpin is fashioned after the Zeppelin airship, and this little miniature is almost perfect in detail.

### Kaiser's Only Daughter May Become Bride



PRINCESS VICTORIA LOUISE.

It is rumored that proposals have been considered for arranging a marriage between the Princess Victoria Louise, the only daughter of Emperor William of Germany, and the Arch Duke Charles Francis, heir presumptive to the Austrian throne. Such an alliance, however, is considered doubtful, as the German emperor is the head of German Protestantism, while the imperial house of Austria is ultra Catholic.

### Plaint of the Chinese Husband

A Chinese, writing in the China Tribune, has this to say about the women of his country: A few girls are taught to read and write just before their marriage, by their parents or private teachers. Some are educated in female schools that come into existence in recent years, but the majority of them is devoid of education.

The ignorance, combined with certain liberties the man gives them through the idea that a woman is inferior to man, and that she is to be used as a machine, has led to a great deal of trouble. The man is not a very nice thing to see a lady of good standing, when something does not suit her, appeal her husband in the most unbecoming manner, at the top of her voice, so that all the neighbors turn their heads, and on some occasions, when the husband tries to remonstrate with her, he is run out into the street, crying and gesticulating, as if he were a madman.

When this extreme measure is used, the husband generally gives up, and says to himself: "What can I do?"

So, this is the situation which the women of China are in. They are not educated, and they are not treated as equals by their husbands.

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## A NEW PACIFIC QUEEN



HER MAJESTY THE NEW QUEEN OF TONGA, FORMERLY THE PRINCESS ANA SEINI TAKIBO.

King George Tupou II. of Tonga, one of the few remaining monarchs of the Pacific, took unto himself a wife on November 25, last, his royal bride being the Princess Ana Seini Takibo. The marriage ceremony took place at Nukunono. The affair was a brilliant one, attended by hundreds of the King's subjects and the prominent white residents of the little kingdom. The Tongan monarch was a widower for eight years, his first queen having died in April, 1902, leaving a new born daughter, afterward christened Sabata.

This little princess is said to be a bright child, and is receiving the education fitting her for her high rank.

The new queen is of high Tongan rank and in every way suitable for her position. She was chosen secretly by King George, and, although an announcement was made that he was to be married, the name of the bride was not announced owing to local jealousies. A huge wedding cake, weighing five hundred pounds, was ordered in Sydney, and the initials of the King and the intended bride were emblazoned on the great frosted confection, the bride's initials being kept carefully covered up, however, until almost the great day.

## TEACHERS AND PARENTS

By Mary H. Krout in The Advance.

There seems to be a growing disposition to burden teachers, who are already over-burdened, with responsibilities that properly belong to parents.

An order was recently promulgated which created a good deal of excitement in the Chicago public schools. A law had been enacted by the legislators of Illinois, many of whom never enter a school room from one year's end to another, making the teaching of "humanity" obligatory. There must be half an hour's specific instruction twice each week in kindness to animals, and failing to obey this law—for such it now is—the teacher forfeits one hour's pay. The men responsible for such a law are evidently not aware that the teaching of humanity goes on constantly. The readers used in recitation, the stories told both by the children themselves and by their teachers, endeavor to inculcate kindness and care for the weak and helpless.

But the main point in the controversy is this, that while the teacher who is conscientiously doing her duty does back up the parent, moral training should begin, and continue at home.

The priests of the Roman Catholic church shrewdly declare that if they can form the child's mind for the first ten years of his life, they have no fear of any serious counter influence, after that.

The teaching of humanity should be amongst the first training a child receives from its mother. It should be made to know that a man is not to be taken for granted, but that he is to be treated as a human being, with all the rights and responsibilities that go with that.

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## The Boudoir

### THE CARE OF GLOVES.

If when your gloves are worn the hands are dry, hot and cause the gloves to shrink, French gloves will make a good remedy.

The gloves should be put on and the tips of the fingers dipped in French cream, and rubbed gently one against the other, then rubbed with a slightly moist finger in each finger.

It is a good plan when wearing rings under gloves to turn them with the fingers toward the palm of the hand. This not only prevents marks, but is more comfortable than when the rings are worn the right way up.

Kid gloves should be removed by turning them over the hand and after ward turned right side out, blown into, the creases smoothed out and finally put away in a glove box.

Nothing looks more untidy than to see any one wearing a pair of gloves with the fingertips protruding or the seams burst.

So, if you spy even a tiny hole, mend it without delay, and with fine cotton the same color as the kid. Never use silk, as it cuts.

Don't break off the cotton, but cut it, or you will draw the stitches too tightly together and make the seam uneven.

When the finger seam is split, make a finger into the glove and draw the edges together, so that they just meet and no more. A ridge spoils the look of the gloves and feels uncomfortable.

### A CHIFFON BAG.

Quite wonderful and most beautiful are the lavender flowered bags made as gifts and to hold the most delicate pieces of embroidery. They are chiffon, white with some rambling spray in pale lavender. The bag is shaped into a lavender-covered circular bottom, and at the top of its twelve-inch height it is folded to provide material for a casing, folded over an embroidery hoop and sewed over it in easing shape. There are neither strings nor ribbons, but after the work is put into the opening of the bag formed by the shirred-in hoop, the bag is twisted and it is dropped from the hands. The twist incloses the work as securely as would a drawstring.

### TO AVOID WRINKLES.

When carrying several blouses in a suitcase, place them all on a padded coat-hanger, so that the width of the blouses will run along the length of the suitcase. In this way the strain from folding will come at the waist line and will not be seen when the blouse is worn. The hanger will be found useful at the journey's end, since the blouses will be hung on it during the visit.

To keep a pleated shirt fresh looking, baste all the pleats in place before packing. This will obviate the necessity for pressing it at the end of the journey.

Throughout the trunk or suitcase in a roll of crushed tissue paper wrap the fold of every garment to keep it sharp crease from forming, and as your paper for the home journey if you are a provident being.

### UNIQUE BABY CAP.

The melon-shaped cap for a baby's most interesting and unusual. The sections go to form this dainty cap for the little one; each part is shaped like the oblong section of a melon, wider in the middle and pointed at each end. After they are basted together these "slices" of handkerchief linen are fitted over a baby's head, their pointed ends covering the ears. They are joined by hand, with wide binding or Irish insertion. A bit of embroidery may be worked upon each section of the cap.

### TO REDUCE THE HIPS.

Exercise that will reduce the hips must be performed regularly, every day, night and morning, for at least ten minutes, and preferably for twenty. They must also be done so that the muscles about the waist are pulled and stretched; otherwise they will be useless.

After all tight garments have been removed one may sit astride a chair, facing the back and holding firmly the hands. The body is then raised in one way and then the other, as far as it can be without moving in the seat at all. Any change in the position will make the exercise worthless. After that, one may lie flat on the back and raise first one foot and then the other as high as can be, doing it so that the pull is felt from the waist. Another movement is to stand on one foot, clasp the other knee, try to lift it to the chest.

Correct sitting has more than any other one thing to do with having small hips. One must be away from the chair, sitting on the tip of the seat, not several inches from the seat. This balances the weight and prevents abdomen and hips from being pulled out of place.

### HEALTH AND BEAUTY.

This is a simple recipe for a classic cream. Cut of sweet almonds, blanched, remove stones, flower water, and unsifted white wax, two ounces.

The best thing to make the eyes clear and bright is good health. Indigestion, nervousness, and biliousness close the whites of the eyes, staining them with a thin white film, a mark which does not wash off with soap or eye lotion. Don't use eye washes or eye lotions, but keep the blood pure, the eyes in good room, and the system as a whole strong and sparkling, and you will have some real eye trouble.

### IN THE NURSERY.

A well-lighted nursery should be furnished with a variety of toys, and a good many of them should be of the kind that will last a long time.

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### RUSSIA NO PLACE FOR SUFFRAGETTES

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